

REMARKS

In the Final Action dated August 11, 2004, Claims 1-15 are pending. Claims 11, 13 and 15 are allowed. Claims 1-10, 12 and 14 are withdrawn from consideration as drawn to non-elected subject matter. The Examiner requires the cancellation of the non-elected claims.

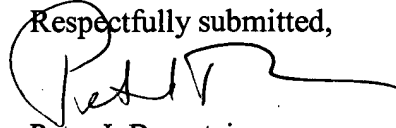
This Response addresses each of the Examiner's rejections. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance or at least in better condition for appeal. Favorable consideration of all pending claims is therefore respectfully requested.

In the first instance, Applicant, through the undersigned, wishes to thank Examiner Michael Pak for the courtesy and assistance extended on behalf of Applicant in connection with the telephonic communication of September 7, 2004. During the course of the communication, Examiner Pak confirmed that Claims 11, 13 and 15 are allowed. Examiner Pak also clarified that on the Office Action Summary form dated August 11, 2004, Claims 11, 13 and 15 should be in Box 5 instead of Box 6. During the course of the communication, Examiner Pak suggested that Applicant file a response to the Final Action by canceling the non-elected claims.

In accordance to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-10, 12 and 14, without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of Claims 1-10, 12 and 14.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is firmly believed that the subject application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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